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Search of Coffee County Jail reveals drug activity

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A recent early morning search of the Coffee County Jail resulted in the discovery of a drug smuggling operation within the jail facility.

Dwight Holley, chief investigator with the district attorney's office, said officials with the DA's office along with sheriff's department personnel and correctional officers conducted an early morning search Friday, June 24, of certain jail cells within the facility. He said officials received information from a confidential informant that drugs were being brought in and sold in the Coffee County Jail.

During the search, Holley said officials recovered different items including drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products, cellular telephones, etc.

Holley said officials gained proof of the illegal drug activity by having the confidential informant make drug buys from the people within the jail. He said the informant was provided with marked money and most of that money was recovered during the recent jail search.

Holley said the investigation focused on five inmates including Andre Hogue, Christopher Reynolds, Marvin Townsend, Merlin Townsend and Tamario Edwards. The inmates now face additional criminal charges following the jail search.

Hogue was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Reynolds was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana), possession of contraband and possession of marijuana second degree.

Marvin Townsend and Merlin Townsend (brothers) were charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (cocaine).

Edwards was charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana).

According to officials, all information provided by the confidential informant proved true during the search of the jail.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA.The nation celebrated its 229th birthday Monday, July 4, and while many people commemorated the special day with barbecues and fireworks, many also took the time to remember those who have and currently are serving the nation through the armed forces to protect the freedoms this country was built upon. The Veterans Park on the grounds of The National Security Group in Elba reminded everyone of the importance of the day as 51 American flags were placed within the park alongside the many military monuments.

Woodland Grove Baptist Church plans sesquicentennial anniversary

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The church family of Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located on County Road 239, excitedly looks forward to Homecoming this August. This year's celebration will mark the church's 150th anniversary of establishment.

The Homecoming and sesquicentennial anniversary will be celebrated Sunday, Aug. 14. The guest speaker for the day will be Keith Parker and there will be special music along with "dinner on the grounds." Also, representatives from the Baptist Historical Association will attend to present a plaque to the church in honor of its 150th anniversary.

Julia Brooks, a lifelong member of Woodland Grove Baptist Church, spent 30 years serving as the church clerk, and she said the church used to have all the minutes dating back to 1855; however, a burglary of the church in the '60s took that away.

Brooks said the minutes were kept in a safe, and the safe along with its contents were stolen during the burglary.

Brooks said she credits the majority of her knowledge of the church history to Mrs. Pearl Moseley. She said Mrs.



Woodland Grove Baptist Church is located on County Road 239.

Moseley was the clerk for many years, and she sat down with Brooks after asking her to take over the clerk duties to share her knowledge of the church.

"I can't emphasize enough about Mrs. Pearl Moseley," Brooks said. "She was instrumental in keeping church records and talking to me about things that happened in the past. She taught me what I know about the church's history."

Brooks said the first church services at Woodland Grove were held on the west side of the church cemetery in an old school house. Later, she said the church members erected a church building across the road from the cemetery. Around 1901-02, another building was erected after the first was torn down.

Between the years of 1955-56, Brooks said the current church building was erected. She said that building was built for \$4,120.56.

"It was just a one-room building back then with wooden pews," she said.

It wasn't until 1962 that the church members began adding the Sunday School rooms to the church. Renovations to the inside of the church were completed by several church members, and Brooks said this is when the sanctuary was repainted, padded pews were added and a Baptistry was added. The renovations to the church were dedicated Dec. 7, 1997.

The charter members of Woodland Grove Baptist Church included: Margaret Ellis, Elizabeth Green, Elizabeth Rodgers, Italian Johnson, Nancy Cooper, Sarah Adams, E.J. Rodgers, another Rodgers, F.B. Johnson, James Dunkin, L.H. Brunson and Tenah Richards.

Brooks said several generations of families have grown up in Woodland Grove Baptist Church, and she hopes anyone with ties to the church will plan to attend the special 150th anniversary Homecoming service Sunday, Aug. 14th.

"I hope a lot of people will come," Brooks said. "This building and this place has always been special to me."

Roger Lee of Gantt currently serves as pastor of Woodland Grove Baptist Church.

C.C. Sheriff's Department officials capture escapee

Coffee County Sheriff's Department officials captured an escapee last Tuesday, June 28, after the inmate walked off his work release job earlier in the month.

According to reports, Charles "Chuck" Waters, age 35, was employed at the Coffee County landfill through a work release

program when he decided to disappear Friday, June 10.

At the time of his escape, Waters was serving time at the Coffee County Jail for a probation violation. In late 2004, he had pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana second degree.

New Brockton Police officers arrest domestic violence/assault suspect

Officials with the New Brockton Police Department found plenty of excitement for the Fourth of July when they responded to an emergency call during the early morning hours.

According to New Brockton assistant police chief Dale Grimes, officials responded to a domestic violence call at approximately 4 a.m. Monday, July 4. He said Moses Saum, a

black male, of 411 Byrd Mill Road, New Brockton, was arrested and charged with domestic violence and assault third degree.

Grimes said the investigation revealed that an argument between the suspect and his girlfriend led to him "beating her up."

As of Tuesday, July 5, Grimes said Saum remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Waters' vehicle was spotted last Tuesday, June 28, and he was arrested by Chief Deputy Sheriff Myron Williams. At the time of the arrest, Waters was charged with escape, second degree.

NOTICE

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department urge county residents who own 4-wheelers to keep them locked up when not in use. Also, officials say it is important for owners to have the VIN number of the ATV written down somewhere other than on the equipment itself.

The department recently has investigated several 4-wheelers thefts.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, July 7 (TONIGHT), at 7 p.m. for the regular monthly board meeting. The meeting will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education office in Elba.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, July 7, at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-694-2077.

WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC. of Coffee, Dale and Georgia counties will hold Thursday, July 19, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., a Volunteer Training. The training will take place at the Enterprise office at 551 Glover Avenue. Call Anita Cawley, volunteer coordinator, at 347-5353 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) to sign up for the training class.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME will be supporting the Elba Prisoner's Union Support Group meetings, every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings will start at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For any questions concerning the Support Group meetings, contact Cindy Murphy, CMA, CYFP at 334-697-3257 ext. 297 between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

tions."

Wayne Farms, the sixth largest vertically integrated poultry producer in the United States, reports annual sales exceeding \$1 billion. According to company officials, the expansion project will bring an additional 112 jobs to the processing facility in Jack.

Currently, the local facility employs 750 people, primarily from Coffee and Pike counties, with a total payroll of more than \$15 million. Officials said the expansion will increase production from 850,000 head per week to more than 1.26 million, and will support Wayne Farms' strategic business objectives by increasing overall poultry production while enhancing the company's value-added product capability.

The local facility contributes approximately \$96 million in economic impact to Alabama.

Missing woman returns home

An Elba woman reported missing Wednesday, June 29, returned home safely last week-end according to officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Coffee County Sheriff's deputy Dale Grimes said the parents of Shirley Jennifer Wells, age 23, of Coffee County Road 410, Elba, reported their daughter missing on Wednesday of last week. She had not been seen since Monday, June 27, at approximately 12 Noon when she seemingly left home for work.

Deputy Grimes said the family became concerned when Wells' employer called because she had not been at work.

During the missing person investigation, Grimes said officials found evidence indicating Wells had "booked a room in Tennessee." However, he said officials were unable to confirm that Wells had been at the hotel/lodge.

Grimes said the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was contacted Sunday evening, July 3, letting officials know Wells has returned home. He said information indicates Wells had been under a lot of strain or pressure and felt she needed to get away for a few days.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Independence Day has come and gone - way over 200 times - yet America still stands. With all its wars, missteps and other human shortcomings, America continues to be the greatest country history has ever recorded. A natural tendency is to bad mouth anyone who is critical of the American Way, yet there would be no American Way if not for forward thinking, and yes critical, immigrants from the "Mother Country." That midnight ride of Paul Revere was possible because he belonged to an underground group opposed to England's ways of governing the colonies. He rode the horse but others first gave him the pre-arranged lantern signals from across the water. The drafters/signers of the Declaration of Independence were openly defying the King of England, a capital offense. The list goes on and on, filling an ever growing list of history books. It is important to give unwavering support to the government and to those military men and women who make and keep the United States of America so great and so free. At the same time it is important to remember that a person's right to openly agree also gives others the right to openly disagree. This enduring set of checks and balances continues to work for America all these years after the framers of the constitution drafted that great master plan for their new country. This greatness is never more apparent than when American citizens travel abroad and see hunger, cold homes (or unbearable heat), disease, fear, violence or a combination of all, in many of other countries throughout the world. They come home to relative calmness and safety, voice opinions openly, eat a good meal, kiss their loved ones and retire to a night's rest, even more grateful to live in this country of milk and honey - and freedom.

Now all that is full of the country's history and sounds great, but it seems to interfere with the cherished American pastime of sitting around complaining about those disloyal people whose thoughts and actions happen to be in opposition to the prevailing opinion. That is another of the freedoms which Americans will hopefully continue to exercise. Pass the coffee pot!

It is "almost" official at this writing. The Alabama legislature will be in special session before the month is over. The exact date will come from Governor Bob Riley but several legislators indicate the governor is looking at some time after the middle of the month for this special session. It is interesting, and frankly still surprising, to see the nationwide adverse reaction to the U. S. Supreme Court decision on allowing governments to take private property and give it to other private property owners. As was predicted here last week, many states will address this issue - Alabama included. The "word" is that Governor Riley will add this matter to his special session call. That will give such legislation a leg up on passage, right up there with the General Fund Budget. Hopefully the Senate power struggle will not prevent either of these bills from passing.

An amusing event happened after the Supreme Court decision on the taking of private property for other private endeavors. While it will never get anywhere, it makes a point - and very strongly. There was a formal application filed to take part of the farm of one of the U. S. Supreme Court justices. The applicant's stated mission is to build a privately owned motel on the farmland. That sort of activity takes a law out of the theory category and puts it in the lap of a judge - very personally. Hopefully it will motivate another state to pass corrective legislation and preserve the American right to own a home (farm, business, etc.) without fear of losing it to bigger mules - within reason. Probably the petition last week was filed with the need for such corrective legislation in mind.

Riley awards grant to V.O.C.A.L.

When a family member is a victim of homicide, surviving relatives not only face the emotions of the tragedy, they also are tossed suddenly into the unknown world of media inquiries, court proceeding and financial challenges.

A \$75,450 grant awarded by Gov. Bob Riley will ensure family members in South Alabama do not have to face the tragedy alone. Funds will be used by the Victims of Crime and Leniency to provide assistance to those families.

"A senseless death claims more than on victim," Riley said. "Spouses, children and parents are left to face uncertain futures. This program is designed to provide families of victims with guidance and support they need to overcome a tragic loss."

The Montgomery-based organization, in operation for 16 years, provides immediate and long-term aid including counseling, legal and financial assistance and emotional support. The 24-hour service responds to

families immediately after a homicide and maintains contact with families throughout court proceedings and during any related crisis.

Counties served are Autauga, Barbour, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Clarke, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry Pike, Randolph, Russell, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, and Wilcox.

Bill Johnson, acting director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, notified Patricia R. Jones, chairman of the V.O.C.A.L. board of directors, that the grant had been awarded. ADECA is administering the grant through its Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety division. Local funds of \$18,864 have been pledged.

Riley awarded the grant from funds provided to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Learning from mistakes and finding the simple pleasures in life

by Linda Hodge, Editor

By this time last year, it was clear that camping was not going to work for my family if we continued to venture far and beyond with a pop-up. After only a couple of trips, a pattern had formed. My sister, Latisha, would begin fussing the moment began setting up the pop-up and would continue fussing until the moment we were taking it down for our return trip home.

I was trying to make the best of the situation, but there really was no best of the situation. The pop-up was really more work than it was worth for Dad, and quite frankly, it did not meet the standard of accommodations my sister requires.

Looking back, I guess I was following a normal Linda act when we bought the pop-up - save that money, I figured we could make the best of what we had while allowing me to continue to do what so many have said I do best - squeak when I walk. I was wrong, and I admit it!

Fast forward several months. We sell the pop-up and buy a

32-foot travel trailer from my cousin, Albi. relief! I finally understood the true pleasure of camping life.

Since buying the travel trailer, we already have made more camping trips than we ever would have attempted with the pop-up, and every trip has been filled fun, relaxation and NO FUSSING. As a matter of fact, Latisha, who has always enjoyed going camping, is now enjoying camping so much that she

Some Elba friends, Dawn DeVane, also had gone camping at the same time. The only difference was they were Tuesday while we arrived on Wednesday. Since Wesley and Dawn were already at the campground, they volunteered to cook supper that first night of our stay.

The main course was grilled pork chops doused with "Big Bubba's Sticky Finger Sauce." We enjoyed a variety of

I've never been much for barbecue sauce, but this was a "secret" homemade recipe created by Wesley. Man alive, that was good stuff!

Later in the week when we returned the cooking favor with grilled chicken, I made sure Wesley brought some sticky finger sauce.

I know of a few others who have had the pleasure of experiencing the mouth-watering taste of "Big Bubba's Sticky Finger Sauce," and I bet they would agree it would be worth every penny if Wesley would bottle and sell it. I even told him I would give him the money for the ingredients if he would simply keep me in supply.

I used to think if you went "to the beach" then you needed to spend lots of time actually on the beach. Since becoming a camper, I don't necessarily feel that way anymore.

As a matter of fact, it was Saturday before I even stepped foot on the beach during our most recent trip.

I do still enjoy sitting in my beach chair on the sand listening to the calming sounds of the gulf while watching the waves roll to shore, but I've found camping life to be just as relaxing. It's hard to beat. I can sit in my chair up under the canopy listening to the sounds of nature and feel a million miles away from everything.

They say absence makes the heart grow fonder. When I returned home from our beach trip, I joked that I didn't get the meaning of that saying, but now a few weeks later, I really do understand.

We've got another weekend trip to the beach planned in a few weeks, and I'm counting the days until I can re-enter my world of camping life. How did I ever survive without it!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 27, 2005, investigated the following incidents: three for domestic violence, one for identity theft, three for theft of property, one for terrorist threats, three for harassment, two for burglary, one missing person, one for assault, three for criminal mischief, one dog bite, one possession of a controlled substance and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

The following arrests were made: four for failure to appear, one for domestic violence, one for menacing, two for failure to pay, two for assault, three for criminal mischief, one for possession of a controlled substance and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 27 - River stage - 5.60 feet (7:43 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported from 1716 Martin Luther King Dr. (5:01 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 - Prowler reported at 1414 Reese Ave. (3:05 a.m.); Prowler reported at 21161 Hwy. 189 N. (3:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 15140 Hwy. 125 (5:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched

to 58 Private Rd. 1401 (7:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1015 Farris St. (1:17 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Kennedy Dr. (2:25 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 349 (7:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 - Fight in progress reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (12:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 130 County Rd. 107 (5:46 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. (12:49 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1524 Stoddemire (7:21 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 - Fight in progress reported on Claxton Ave. next to Family Dollar (7:51 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1121 Farris St. (11:41 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 752 Pinedale Dr. (1:52 p.m.); Possible burglary reported at a residence on Ann St. (9:56 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported (in progress) at 1225 Farris Ave. (10:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 1 - Possible breaking and entering reported at Burck's Trailer Park (6:01 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the Elba Market Place parking

lot (4:24 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at Elba Villa (10:55 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Elm St. (11:02 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 2 - Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. at Dairy Queen (11:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Church of God of Prophecy on Claxton Ave. (3:56 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 3 - Disturbance reported at Powell Trailer Court, Lot 12 (2:27 p.m.); River stage - 6.79 feet (6:29 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1109 Neil Grantham Dr. (3:33 p.m.).

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• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Counselling: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call PREL 1-877-772-1211
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 - 8 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Gatten Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Super. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys basketball
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

They may apply by completing the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. The information on the application may be verified at any time during the program year. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

The social security number must be provided for the primary wage earner or household member who signs the application. Aliens ineligible for social security numbers should indicate their status on the application.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has such children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, they should contact the school.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age or mental or physical handicap.

Under the provision of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the principal of each school will review the applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling or the official, he may wish to discuss it in more detail with that official. If a parent wishes to review the ruling further after discussing it with the school, he has a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by making a request either orally or in writing to David L. Stokes, whose address is 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323 or Dr. Linda B. Ingram, Superintendent, whose address is 400 Reddick Hill Rd., Elba, AL 36323.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the free and reduced-price meal policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the level shown above.

A complete copy of the Policy is on file in each school and in the office of the Superintendent of Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools where it may be reviewed by any interested party.

All questions on the free and reduced-price application must be completed. Failure to include information on household members, income or food stamp case number, information on social security, and the signature of an adult household member will result in the denial of benefits.

WAYS TO THE ED

Dear Editor,

According to the Social Security trustees, doing nothing to fix our Social Security system will mean that our children and grandchildren will have to borrow an estimated \$10.4 trillion. Each year the Social Security System fails to undergo fundamental reform costs an additional \$600 billion, which will continue to rise.

In 2018, the government will begin to pay out more in Social Security benefits than it gets back in revenue. As a result of these demographic changes, the current system will not be able to afford to pay the benefits scheduled for future generations without enormous payroll tax increases or huge benefit cuts.

To ensure its long-term future, Social Security needs to be fixed soon. President Bush has pledged to work with Congress

to find the most effective combination of reforms. He believes we must move ahead with reform on a bipartisan basis, because our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics.

The President favors voluntary personal accounts as part of a comprehensive solution to give younger workers the option to save some of their payroll taxes, and he has laid out this simple plan in detail.

Personal retirement accounts offer younger workers the opportunity to receive higher benefits than the current system can afford to pay, and build a "nest egg" for retirement that the government cannot take away.

Personal retirement accounts would start gradually, be voluntary (similar to the Federal employee retirement program,

known as the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), invested in a mix of conservative bond and stock funds, protected from sudden market swings on the eve of retirement, not be eaten up by hidden Wall Street fees, not be accessible prior to retirement, and not be emptied out all at once, but paid out over time as an addition to traditional Social Security benefits.

This is clearly the answer to our Social Security dilemma, and is the only solution being offered by our leadership in Washington.

Sincerely,
J.M. Hardwick
Enterprise, AL

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A LETTER TO THE
EDITOR

New Hope Baptist Church to host Summer revival

New Hope Baptist Church is hosting a Summer Revival, Sunday, July 17 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Jim Hill, Pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Ozark, Ala. The music will be by Ms. Faye Rhoden, the music director of New Hope Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome and invited to the services. For more information contact Pastor Jerry Long at 735-9100.

EOCC Briefs

CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP CHILD

Development Workshop provides opportunities for persons involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children. Pre-registration fee is \$20 if received by the deadline and \$25 if received after that date. Call 334 347 2623, ext. 2219 for a copy of course objectives. The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$20.00.

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Microsoft Excel will teach you to turn your computer into an electronic calculator. Students will learn the basics of Microsoft Excel software and at the conclusion of the 8 hour class should be able to understand the fundamentals of spreadsheets by creating inventory or payroll reports. It would be helpful for students to have had some prior experience using a computer, and students should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class session. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks beginning Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost for the course is \$45.00.

INVESTING: CAN'T AFFORD TO/CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO will offer students the opportunity to examine many of the investments available today including retirement planning, college fund planning, personal financial growth, and avoiding major risks. At the conclusion of this five-session class, students should be able to understand certificates of deposit, bonds, IRAs, mutual funds, stocks, and annuities. Classes begin Tuesday, July 12, 2005, from 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and continue each Tuesday for six weeks. The cost for the course is \$35.00.

THANK YOU

for your many acts of kindness during the death of our mother, **Mozelle Parker**. Your phone calls, visits, food, flowers, and cards have meant so much and have given us support and encouragement during this difficult time.

Debbie McCollough
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Obituaries

VIRGINIA LOUISE ALLEN

Mrs. Virginia Louise (Marler) Allen, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held July 2, 2005 at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in the Beavertown Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd B. Allen, and three sisters.

Survivors include two sons: Lloyd Clark Allen, Enterprise, Hale Bradford Allen, Elba; three daughters: Peggy Jo Wesley, Enterprise, Linda Sue Mahoney, Redwood Falls, Minn., Glenda Ann Daniels, Pace, Fla.; two sisters: Genella Boley, Orlando, Fla., Ann Wallace, Elba; three brothers: Harold K. Marler, Elba, Fred Marler, Trussville, Ala., Robert Marler, Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

ROY HIXON ADAMS

Mr. Roy Hixon Adams, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, June 30, 2005 at Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 2, 2005 at 2 p.m. at New Home Cemetery with Rev. Nathan Carroll and Rev. David Richburg officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes

Funeral Home of Elba directing.

The family requests contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife: Lurline (Ham) Adams, Elba; one daughter: Tina Quintana, Destin, Fla.; one brother: James A. (Buck) Adams, Enterprise; two half sisters: Peggy Young and Nava Jo Knight, both of Opp, Ala.; three grandsons, one granddaughter.

ROBERT L. COOPER JR.

Mr. Robert L. Cooper Jr., age 88, a lifelong resident of Elba, Ala., died July 2, 2005 in a Mobile Nursing Facility.

Mr. Cooper was a Veteran of the U. S. Army Air Force in WWII as a pilot and retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1977. He retired as Postmaster of Elba in 1980. Mr. Cooper was Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 37 for many years. He was a lifelong member of Elba United Methodist Church. Mr. Cooper was a past member of the American Rose Society and participated in raising and showing roses and as a certified rose judge. He was a 1935 graduate of Elba High School and a 1939 graduate of the University of Alabama where he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Government Association. Mr. Cooper was an active amateur radio operator for many years.

Funeral services were held July 5, 2005 at Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Nathan Carroll and Rev. David Richburg officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes

Methodist Church with

Reverend Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Elba United Methodist Church.

Mr. Cooper was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Johns Cooper; his parents, Robert L. Sr. and Nell Bancroft Cooper; his brothers, Bancroft Cooper and Edwin Cooper; and sister, Emma Margaret Imman.

Survivors include one son: Robert L. Cooper III, Mobile, Ala.; one daughter: Susan (husband, Philip) Bernstein, Montgomery, Ala.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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A Memorial To
"Daddy Grover" (Grover Belcher)
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"Where's Our Daddy?"

At times like these, those of us remaining, search desperately for some way of expressing the height, depth, and width of our grief and sorrow. Some simply choose to do it with songs, others with poems and verses, and still others with simple admiration in prose.

We, the offspring and descendants of Daddy Grover, choose to make our expression by simply inviting you to join our search party as we look for him in all of his old familiar places.

Let's look for him in the fields, where he labored so very long and hard, providing for Mama Eria and their nine kids--especially those five greedy, handheaded boys who would eat just about anything in sight, and those four sweet little girls who were always needing a few more pieces of ribbon, or a new strand of lace. We looked for him in the field, but he wasn't to be found.

So, let's now look for him in the church (Old Rocky Head Missionary Baptist) where he spent so many days (And not just Sundays) waiting very patiently, but also just as eagerly, in the first pew, waiting for the opportunity to jump up and present one of his "sayings"--or one of what he called his "metaphors". And if you knew him at all, you knew if he became emotional, any speaker, any singer, and preacher was in danger. Why? Because Daddy Grover would run to that person, grab that person in a bearhug, and refuse to let that person go until he felt a blessing. But, we looked for him in the church as well, and he wasn't to be found.

Still, there's one last place we have yet to look. Finally, let's look for him in his home-workshop, where he thought he was a latter-day doctor George Washington Carver. Daddy Grover believed he could make anything if he "studied" it long enough. He would pick it up, turn it from side to side, top to bottom, and then mumble quietly to himself "Uh Huh, Uh Huh - I think I got it now!" Then he would shout aloud "I can make one of them!" (And in reply to any gift he received, he would always say "thank you, thank you, thank you". Without fail, those words or appreciation were always said three times - no more, no less.) But, we looked for him in his home-workshop as well, and still he wasn't to be found. Wait a minute! Look! Guess What! Thank God Almighty! We just found our Daddy at last! And you know what? He has always been right where we finally found him. And if you want to hear him, if you want to see him, if you really want to reach out and touch him, just ask his offspring and descendants and we'll share him with you. Because (

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Kyles
Ass. Minister Greater New Zion Baptist Church

As we have our minds on Independence, I would like for us to also think about freedom in Jesus Christ. We can be free from anything that comes before us as long as the head of our lives. The Bible clearly states in Isaiah 54:17. No weapon formed against thee shall prosper; And every tongue that shall rise against thee in Judgment thou shalt condemn. So my brother and sisters, as long as we keep this scripture. In our hearts we will remain free. When we are going through our trials and tribulation, we sometimes feel we are in bondage, but we should do like David in the 25th number of Psalms and say: Unto thee, O Lord, Do I lift up my soul. O, my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. We have the power within us to do anything we desire. There is a gospel song that says, I'm free, Praise the Lord I'm free, no more, longer bound, no more chains holding me. My soul is resting it's just another blessing. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah I'm free.

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Bluff Springs Baptist Church homecoming services planned for Sunday, July 10th

Bluff Springs Baptist Church plans to have homecoming services Sunday, July 10th. The speaker will be Ricky Grant and dinner will follow services. Everyone is to bring a covered dish.

Old Southern Gospel Group will be singing after lunch. The Homecoming will be followed with a revival beginning each night at 7 p.m. July 11-13, 2005. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Calvary Baptist Church to host gospel singing Saturday, July 9th

Calvary Baptist Church located on highway 189 N. will host a gospel singing Saturday night, July 9th at 7 p.m. Featured

Homecoming & revival services to be held at Greater New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton, Ala. will be holding a Homecoming and Revival service.

The Homecoming service will be Sunday, July 10, 2005 at 3 p.m. with the guest minister being Rev. Freddie L. Flowers of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba. The Revival services will be July 11-15, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Rev. Nathaniel Larkins, Pastor of Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church of Brundidge, Ala.

Hall Girls to be appear at Elba Church of God

The Hall Girls are appearing Saturday July 9th 7:00 PM at the Elba Church of God.

The Youngest Faces in Southern Gospel Music, Lesley and Lindsey sing with energy and sincerity and with a humble Spirit and a Powerful anointing. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy.

Chestnut Grove UMC plans Homecoming services

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church will be holding their 2005 Homecoming Sunday, July 10. Fellowship will be at 10 a.m., preaching at 11 a.m. and dinner will follow services.

The speaker this year is one of Chestnut Grove's own, Rev. Wayne Helms. Rev. Helms is one of the ministers at First United Methodist Church in Dothan.

The homecoming will be followed with a revival beginning each night at 7 p.m. Monday: Rev. John H. Baxter and their choir from Denton Road UMC in Dothan, Ala.

Tuesday: Rev. Jamie Smith and singers from Mustard Seed Ministries near Elba.

Wednesday: Rev. Randal Pearson and singers from White Water Baptist Church will be there. Everyone is invited to attend.

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***JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Grady & Brenda Brooks - July 2 (W.A.); Larry & Louvella Folmar - July 3 (W.A.); Pete Daniels - July 6 (In Memory Of); Milton & Cathynette Cross - July 6 (W.A.); Tammy Rodgers - July 7 (In Memory Of); Henry Rowe - July 9; Malik Shevon Kelley - July 9; Lydia Kelley - July 10

***AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Monthly Motivation: If you think you are poor, you are poor. Molly Amos, entrepreneur 1899 (July 1) - On this day Thomas Dorsey, who became known as the "Father of Gospel Music" is born in Villa Rica, Ga.

1908 (July 2) On this day, Therrgood Marshall will be the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, is born. 1881 (July 4) On this day Tuskegee Institute opens in Tuskegee, Ala.; With Booker T. Washington as its first president. ***HOMECOMING & REVIVAL: Homecoming and Revival services will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. This event will be July 10-15, 2005. The Homecoming service will be held July 10, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister will be Rev. John Lawrence of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Opp, Ala. The Revival services will be July 11-15, 2005 at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist for the week will be Rev. Ronald Haynes of St. Luke A.M.E. Church of Louisville, Ala. Today is a good day! Be grateful.



EXCELLENCE IN MATH was demonstrated recently during Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Math Tournament. Students from twelve area high schools participated in algebra, geometry, and advanced math competitions. On hand to congratulate winners is (left) Terry Spicer, EOCC Assistant to the President for Economic and Community Development, with (to the right) third place winners in the Division II Algebra II Team category, Elba Math Team members Forrest McDaniel, Cory Crawford, Lynne DeFlon, and Brett Singletary.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thom Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll - Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 11:30 a.m. Tue. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. BETH DIXON BAPTIST CHURCH Darrell Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m. BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Sims, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Roger Miller Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m. ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. ELBAZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. Faith Chapel Community Church Belsh Medley Jr., Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m. IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Ray Simmons, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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LIFESTYLES

Applications for Miss Coffee County Agriculture Pageant available

Applications of Miss Coffee County Agriculture are now being taken. The deadline for these is July 18, 2005. Interviews with luncheon will be held on July 19, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Carlisle's on Main St. in Enterprise, Ala. Participants must live in Coffee County, or attend school in Coffee County and be between the ages of 17 and 25, and never been married. Interviews will be in Sunday.

The Troy University Writing Club is accepting submissions

The Troy University Creative Writing Club is accepting submissions for the ninth edition of their annual literary collection, the Copper Blade Review. Area authors of all ages are invited to submit poetry or prose by Wednesday, July 27, for consideration.

For the first time, the editors of the Copper Blade Review will award a \$100 prize for the submission that best exemplifies the creativity and genuine nature of the writer's craft. The author of the winning entry will be invited to read their work at a special book signing event September 17 on the Dothan Campus.

For rules regarding submissions, go to <http://dothan.troy.edu/creativewriting> or contact Chris Bryant at (334) 983-6556, ext. 1393. Works can be e-mailed to chibryant@troy.edu or mailed to: Copper Blade Review Submissions, P.O. BOX 8368, Dothan, AL 36304. Entries will not be returned.

The Nurse as a Witness Workshop to begin July 7 at EOCC

This workshop will cover some important general propositions of rendering sworn testimony at trial, as well as addressing the qualifications, roles and limitations of the nurse expert witness. Also addressed in the program will be basic information regarding civil lawsuits and Alabama law as it relates to the nurse expert witness. Nurses will receive 7.0 contact hours of continuing education credit through Diversified Nursing which is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education. This class will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2005, from 7:30 until 3:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$75.00.

NEW ARRIVAL

KALI ANALISE BEARD

Kerry and Jill (Maddox) Beard announce the birth of their daughter, Kali Analise, born May 6, 2005 in Mobile, Kali weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brothers Tyler and Kade. Grandparents are Ms. Patricia G. Maddox of Mobile (formerly of Elba) and the late Mr. Jack C. Maddox, Dr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Beard of Jackson, Ala. and great-grandfather Milton Beard of Insey, Ala.



Kali Analise Beard



Mr. & Mrs. Jason Hudson Ruddock

Ruddock-Robinson wedding held Saturday, May 21

Rebecca Robinson of Tuscaloosa and Jason Hudson Ruddock of Tuscaloosa were married on May 21, 2005, at 3 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Father Jeremiah Deasy officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James Robinson, Jr. of Tuscaloosa and Susan Borden of Huntsville. She is the granddaughter of James Robinson of Tarrant, the late Juanita Crabtree of New Orleans, LA, and Walter and Dean Borden of Moulton. Parents of the groom are Chris and Rachel Ruddock of Tuscaloosa. He is the grandson of the late Arthur and Christine Ruddock of Prescott, AZ, and Durrell and Jo Hudson of Elba.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a hand-beaded white satin gown. The bride was attended by Kelly Holmes of Vernon, friend of the bride.

American Red Cross has blood drive events scheduled for July 7th & 8th

The American Red Cross currently has two blood drive events scheduled within the next few days in Enterprise.

On Thursday, July 7, the Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive at Medical Center Enterprise from 12 Noon until 5 p.m.

On Saturday, July 9, a blood drive will be held at Wal-Mart Enterprise from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Everyone in the local Mularz family had Monday off to help celebrate the fourth and that meant we had the chance to get together with other family members and actually enjoy an afternoon of good food and fellowship. The food was great, the friendship was even better and the day off was very much needed. Yep, that was the right way to start a week!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba All-Star teams didn't do as well last week as they did in the opening week of the tournaments, but the Dixie Boys 14-Year-Olds did bring home a sub-district championship trophy and will compete this week up in Troy at the District Tournament, as will the Dixie Boys 13-Year-Old All-Stars. The Dixie Boys surprised Greenville and Dothan in their opening two wins, then closed out the tourney with pounding Luverne, twice, and Greenville to claim the championship. This team dominated its opponents in rolling to the tourney title and really left its mark on the fans that saw them play in Luverne!

The Elba Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth All-Stars both posted 1-2 records after opening their respective tournaments with wins, and while both teams were disappointed in the way they closed out the events, both teams played well and played hard. The Dixie Minor All-Stars had to battle eventual tournament champion Troy on back-to-back nights and simply didn't have enough weapons to pull out a win, while the Dixie Youth All-Stars also ran head first into a Troy team that would win the tournament in the second round and then fell flat in an elimination loss to Coffee County.

Over in softball action, the Dixie Ponytails opened the tournament with three big wins and had their sights set on a berth in the District Tournament, but they dropped two straight games to Andalusia and had to settle for the runner-up trophy. In the championship game the All-Stars owned a 4-0 lead with two outs in the sixth inning, but saw Andalusia rally to pull even at 4-4 and then watched as Andalusia pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the eighth. This team really opened some eyes up in Luverne and let everyone know that the Elba All-Stars were ready to be big winners. The Dixie Belles hosted their sub-district tournament and claimed two wins before falling in the finals. The Belles blasted Andalusia 23-9 in the semifinals to move into the championship game, but lost to Luverne for the second time in the finals and took home the second place trophy. The Belles had to struggle through a series of problems just to get to the tourney and then had to replace players on the opening day of the event. However, the girls never complained and just played ball, which is what is really all about!

*** It was announced last week that Hoover High School would open its football season on Saturday, August 27, against Nease High, of St. Augustine, Florida, with the game being nationally televised on ESPN. Hoover has won three straight 6A state titles and four the last five, while Nease went 11-2 last season and is led by quarterback Tim Tebow, who last season passed for 4,286 yards. The Buccaneer Stadium will be expanded to hold 11,500 fans for the season-opening game, and should be quite a way to kick the season off.

*** In closing... all Elba residents and former Elba residents and encouraged to help build Elba's new "Community Playground" by making a donation to purchase a piece of equipment. Costs of the equipment range from \$3,500 for a twisty slide to \$125 for a bench, and there are many other items that can be purchased with the help of all our hometown folk. For more information call Tim Gunnells at 897-2802, 897-2057 or 494-2100. This will be a park for everyone in Elba and a source of pride for everyone that has ever called Elba home.

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Bubba Pollard wins Super Late Model 100 at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Bubba Pollard pretty much dominated the Super Late Model 100 at South Alabama Speedway Saturday night. After an impressive 11th place showing in an ARCA Remax Series event at the 2 1/2 mile Michigan International Speedway last weekend, Pollard returned to his favorite short track. He led 82 laps Saturday night, but almost saw his victory slip away in the closing laps.

Cale Gale turned the 4/10th mile oval in 16.79 seconds to lead 17 cars in qualifying. Gale, making his start in a Super Late Model at the track, then drew the one pill for inversion, keeping pole starting spot. Gale grabbed the initial lead before Ryan Crane cruised by to take the top spot on the third lap. With a four-tire limit for the race, Gale decided to play the waiting game, slipping back behind Crane, Pollard, and Corey Ruble. Pollard had a different plan. Go to the front and stay there.

On the restart following the second of four cautions in the race, Pollard stuck his nose under Crane to take the lead on lap 19. Ruble followed and began to chase Pollard. Pollard, however, pulled away to a comfortable lead. Crane fought back to retake the second spot on lap 40. At the half way point, Pollard led Crane, Ruble, Gale, and Ronnie Sanders. Sanders got past Gale on lap 54. Donald Long, winner of the last Late Model race at SAS, followed Sanders a lap later. Dale Little worked his way past Gale on lap 60, just before the final caution of the night.

With the four-tire limit, a lot of the drivers had been riding in the first part of the race, conserving their tires. But when the race restarted for the final time on lap 64, the race was on. Pollard led Crane, Ruble, Sanders, and Long to the green. Ruble was the first to fall off of the pace with Sanders and Long getting by on lap 67. Little went by a lap later. On lap 81, Sander, Long, and Little got past Crane to move into second, third, and fourth. Three laps later, Long and Little went around Sanders. Pollard, meanwhile, had eased

out to a comfortable lead. Little, in one of his strongest runs lately at the Kinston oval, was on the offensive. On lap 87, he moved inside of Long to take over second. But laps were running down and Pollard was enjoying a healthy lead. A late caution would be a huge help to Little. Pollard was almost that caution. Heading down the backstretch with three laps to go, Pollard got sideways. By the time he gathered up his Monte Carlo, Little was all over him.

Little desperately looked for a way around Pollard, but the young Georgian held his ground. Little made one last effort as they exited turn four headed to the checkers. Pollard came off the corner clean, while Little broke loose trying to turn under Pollard. Pollard crossed the stripe with Little on his quarter panel. Long came home third, followed by Sanders and Gale.

In the 35-lap Vintage Feature, Teddy Sasser won his fifth straight race. Sasser took the lead on the fifth lap and led the rest of the way to take his latest win. Duane Bates passed Steve Stewart on lap 29 to take over second but Sasser was several car lengths ahead by that time.

Kip Whitehead came from the back twice to take third. Stewart slipped to fourth in the final run-down. Early leader Jason Windham was fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Jason Singletary battled his way from the eleventh starting spot to take the win. Doc Bucklew grabbed the early lead, leading the first two laps before getting hung up on the outside. Several cars got past Bucklew, with Jimmie Hager taking the point. Singletary moved into second on lap 12 and then got by Hager one lap later. Hager chased Singletary the rest of the way, but Singletary wasn't going to give up the top spot. LaDunn Stokes finished third followed by John Singletary and Billy Maxie.

Action will continue on July 11 with a full night of weekly racing. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspeedway.com

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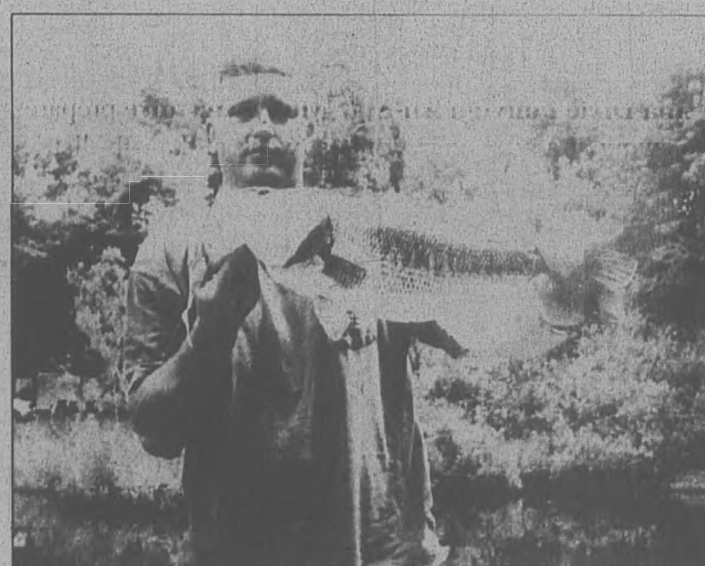
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By Aaron Smith

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTDOORS



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Elba Dixie Youth All-Star short-stop Seth Hanchey applies the tag to a Coffee County base-runner during action last week at the Sub-District baseball Tournament. The two county rivals split two games in the tourney as Elba placed fourth and Coffee County placed third.



Elba Dixie Youth All-Star catcher Gunnar McCollough tags out a Coffee County base-runner at the plate in opening round action last week at the Sub-District Baseball Tournament, in Troy. Elba won one game in the tourney, while Coffee County posted two wins.

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All-Stars take the field on ...

THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars hosted the District 9 Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament last week at Legion Field and posted one win in three games to place third in the five-team event.

The All-Stars opened the tournament on Monday night against the Kinston All-Stars and pulled away late to post a big 18-8 win. Elba failed to score in the top of the first inning and trailed 3-0 heading into the top of the second, but rallied to score four runs in its second trip to the plate to grab a 4-3 advantage. Justin Pope had a bases-loaded triple to spark the rally, while Nathan Miller added an rbi single. Elba's offensive explosion continued into the third inning, where the All-Stars added six runs to extend its lead to 10-3. Kyson Edwards had a lead-off single to ignite the All-Star rally, while Hayes Spicer, Austin Johnson, Jordan McDaniel and Hayden Disotell all added rbi singles to help Elba take command. Garrett Smith had an rbi single in the fourth inning and later scored as the All-Stars continued their parade around the bases, and in the fifth Hayden Disotell and Nathan Miller both had key hits to help the All-Stars end the game with the scoreboard reading 18-8.

The All-Stars met the Troy Nationals in the winner's bracket finals on Tuesday night and watched as Troy pulled way late to claim a 14-5 win. Harry Griffin reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on an error to get Elba on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third, while in the fourth inning Jordan McDaniel blasted a two-run homer as the All-Stars cut the Troy lead to 4-3 after four innings of play. Troy combined four hits with three walks to score eight runs in the top of the fifth to regain command. 12-3, and even though the All-Stars plated one run in the bottom of the inning on a double by John Ashley Amison and an rbi single by Nathan Miller, Elba trailed 12-4 heading into the final frame. Logan Bailey singled and later scored for Elba's final run, but it only changed the final score as the All-Stars dropped the contest 14-5.

The All-Stars met the Troy Nationals again on Thursday night and were eliminated after a 12-0 loss. John Ashley Amison and Garrett Smith both had singles to lead Elba at the plate, but the All-Stars failed to get on the scoreboard and saw their tournament run end with the loss.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars saw their early success in last week's District 9 Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament come to an abrupt end as the All-Stars dropped their next two games and placed fourth in the five-team event with a 1-2 record.

The All-Stars battled the Troy Nationals in second round action on Monday night and fell into the loser's bracket after absorbing a 12-2 setback. Elba had a chance to take charge early as it loaded the bases in the opening inning. However, the All-Stars failed to cash in on the first inning scoring opportunity and trailed 6-0 before they would get the chance to bat again in the second. Elba plated two runs in the top of the second to cut the Troy lead to 6-2, but the All-Stars failed to score again and lost 12-2 to suffer their first defeat in the double-elimination tourney.

The All-Stars were eliminated in the third round of the tournament after a loss to Coffee County. No details were available on the game.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

The Elba Dixie Boys All-Stars completed an undefeated run through the District 6, Sub-District 1 Baseball Tournament last week in Luverne by outscoring the host Luverne team 22-12 in the finals.

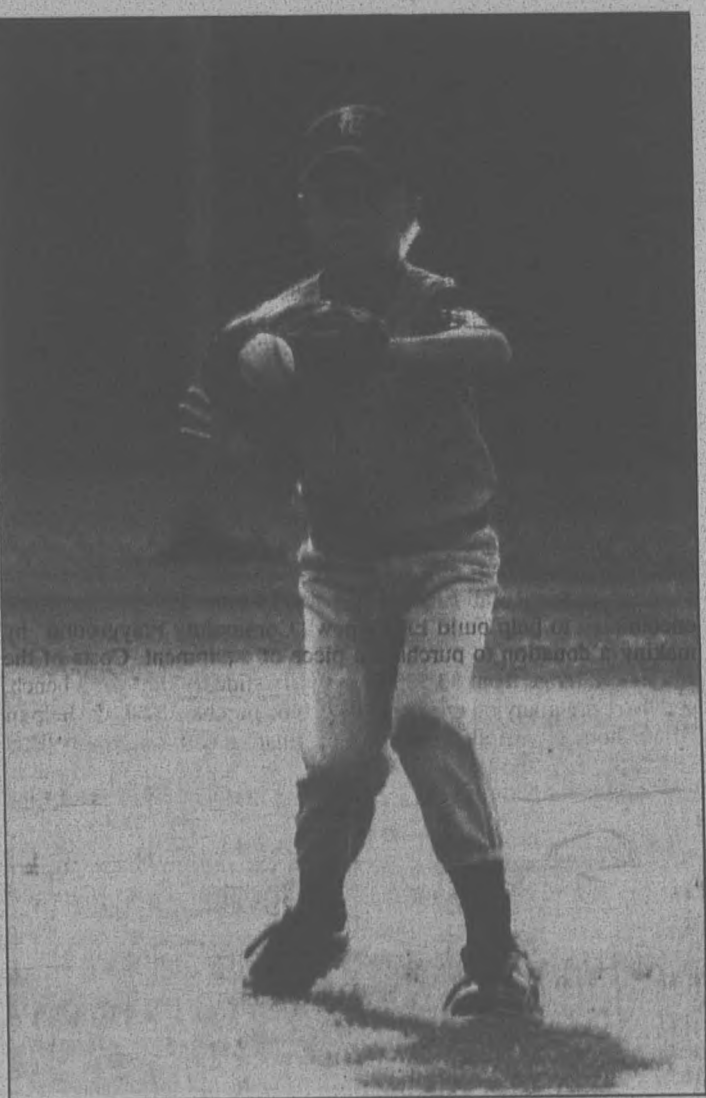
The All-Stars entered the game with a 4-0 record and after falling behind early scored runs in bunches to post the big win. Elba trailed 5-0 after one inning and appeared to be in trouble, but rallied to plate eight runs in the top of the second to grab the lead for good at 8-5. A.J. Johnson had a lead-off single to ignite the early inning fireworks, while Joe Davis, Richard Cooks, Matt Brunson and Dylan McCollough all delivered key hits in the frame, while Bradley Wilson ripped a two-out double to knock in a run and A.J. Johnson added a two-out rbi single. The All-Stars put away in the third and scored five runs to extend their advantage to 13-5, with Andrew Head, Justin Winters, Dylan McCollough and A.J. Johnson all coming through with rbi singles. Luverne cut the Elba lead to 13-7 in the bottom of the third, but the All-Stars plated three runs in the top of the fourth to push their lead back up to 16-7. Andrew Head had an rbi single to drive in the first run of the frame, while Bradley Wilson ripped a two-out double to knock in a run and A.J. Johnson added a two-out rbi single. The All-Stars took advantage of two Luverne errors to take a 17-11 lead in the fifth, then broke loose for five runs in the sixth to take a commanding 22-11 advantage! Dylan McCollough had a lead-off single to ignite the late Elba rally, while Bradley Wilson followed with an rbi double and then scored when A.J. Johnson doubled. Johnson scored on an rbi single by Troy Knight and Knight scored on an rbi double by Andrew Head, while Head later scored on a passed ball to end the scoring and send the All-Stars into the District Tournament.

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An Elba Dixie Minor All-Star makes a catch in the outfield during action last week at the sub-district tournament.

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DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

The Elba Dixie Ponytails All-Stars saw their early winning streak end abruptly last week in the District 6, Sub-District 1 Softball Tournament, in Luverne, as they fell to Andalusia 10-0 and 5-4 to place second in the seven-team event. The All-Stars opened the tournament with three impressive wins and appeared to be the team to beat, but failed to score in their first loss and then saw a late four-run lead vanish in the championship game as they brought home runner-up honors. No details were available for the final two games.

DIXIE BELLES SOFTBALL

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars hosted the District 6, Sub-District 1 Softball Tournament last week at the Elba High School field and posted a 2-2 record to place second in the five-team event. The All-Stars split the opening two games as they defeated Highland Home 10-4 and lost to Luverne 10-0, but then rolled past Andalusia 23-9 in the semifinals to earn a berth in the championship game. A double by Brandy Caldwell and singles by Chessie Cross and Jamie Hall helped the All-Stars grab an early 3-0 lead, while the Stars blew the game open in the third inning when they plated five runs behind the hitting of April Finsore and Guccie Hudson to take an 8-1 advantage. Andalusia cut the Elba lead to 8-5 in the bottom of the third, but the All-Stars answered with a nine-run outburst in the top of the fourth to pull out to a big 17-5 lead! Elba took advantage of six walks to put runners on base in the big fourth inning, while Brandy Caldwell had an rbi single and Jamie Hall ripped a two-run double to lead the Stars at the plate. Elba added six runs in the top of the fifth to put an end to any Andalusia thoughts about a comeback. Six walks again aided the Elba rally, while Brandy Caldwell had her third hit of the game with a two-run single as the All-Stars coasted in with the win.

The All-Stars met Luverne in a rematch in the championship game and never threatened as they dropped a 13-1 decision. The All-Stars fell behind 2-0 in the first inning and by the time they came to bat in the fifth were on the short end of a 13-0 score. Elba did avoid the shut-out in the fifth when Brandy Caldwell singled and later scored after three straight walks, but the All-Stars left the bases loaded and took the loss to settle for second.

Follow the Elba Dixie Boys and Dixie Debs in District Tournament play right here in
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Call, don't click when requesting a Federally Mandated Credit Report

The Institute of Consumer Financial Education suggests that you call the toll free number, (877) 322-8228, rather than click for a free credit report from the AnnualCreditReport.com.

A new report shows that consumers may be better off calling for their federally mandated free credit report instead of going online because some 96 known imposter domains exist. Some 68 of the imposter domains belong to Experian, a credit bureau, and 68 other imposter sites belong to or are hosted at "pay per click" companies. Some 30 of the pay per click domains are live, and some are luring consumers to inappropriate and risky Web sites, such as Experian and other credit companies' commercial sites to cash

in on the credit bureaus' affiliate marketing programs. Additional issues were found at the official AnnualCreditReport.com site. The primary finding was that the credit bureaus are blurring the lines between what is free for consumer and what is available for a cost. For example, the TransUnion section automatically selects consumers to receive marketing information and have their information shared with affiliates and partners.

Experian and Equifax have potentially confusing menu navigation bars that do not clearly distinguish between the free areas of credit report access and the for-pay sections.

The ICFE offers several tips to consumers to help ensure

safety of their credit report. * When phoning the toll free number for a free credit report, ask that only the last four digits of your SSN be displayed on the reports mailed to you.

* If you call for your credit report or have it mailed to you, have it mailed to a secure mailbox.

* Know that you are not required to give out your e-mail address to obtain a federally mandated free credit report.

* If you choose to go online to access your credit report, be absolutely sure you have not mistyped the address. If you see pop-up ads or if you notice that the site is not secure, close your browser and start over. Secure sites will have a padlock logo in the corner, and the address will read https:// instead of http://.

"Renew Our Rivers" tops 4 million pounds of trash removed from waterways

With the help of Alabama Power employees, community volunteers and lake homeowners, the 12 spring Renew Our Rivers cleanups yielded 885,400 pounds of trash and household items removed from lakes and rivers all across Alabama. This brings the total to 4.28 million pounds of trash removed since 2000 in the nationally recognized Renew Our Rivers campaign.

"Reaching the four million pound mark is a testament to the unwavering commitment of thousands of volunteers across our state," said Alabama Power President and CEO Charles McCrary. "Our ultimate goal, of course, is to see a day when there is no longer a need for river cleanups."

At the beginning of the year, a goal was set to achieve "5 in '05" – the removal of 5 million pounds of garbage from our waterways by the end of 2005. Currently, Renew Our Rivers stretches across Alabama,

Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. Local cleanups are held on the Coosa, Upper Coosa in Georgia, Tallapoosa, Black Warrior and Mobile rivers.

"We continue to be amazed and appreciate the community and volunteer support for this project year after year," said Vice President of Environmental Affairs Willard Bowers. "This grassroots effort proves what can be done when everyone works together."

Renew Our Rivers cleanups are held annually in the spring and fall when homeowners and boat owner organizations, environmental and student groups, and civic clubs roll up their sleeves to take part in the community projects. Renew Our Rivers began in 2000 and has been expanded to more than 6,000 volunteers all over the state.

The first Renew Our Rivers cleanup took place in the spring of 2000 on Lake Neely Henry in

Gadsden. The cleanup was spearheaded by Alabama Power in cooperation with Keep America Beautiful. Since then, Renew Our Rivers has grown into the largest volunteer river cleanup in the Southeast.

The Renew Our Rivers project won Keep America Beautiful's national Litter Prevention Award. Alabama Power was selected as Water Conservationist of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

The Alabama Power Foundation awards \$1,000 grants to homeowner and boat owner associations to continue educating the community and students about litter prevention within the vicinity of Alabama Power lakes.

For more information about Renew Our Rivers and details about Alabama Power's environmental initiatives, please visit www.alabamapower.com.

UDC presents donation to First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery



Shirley Edberg (left), chapter treasurer, presents check to First White House of the Confederacy Hostess, Eva Newman.

The goals of the UDC are historical, educational, benevolent, patriotic, and memorial. Each year the General E.W. Rucker Chapter selects activities to fulfill these goals. Some of the selected activities are short term and others last for the entire year.

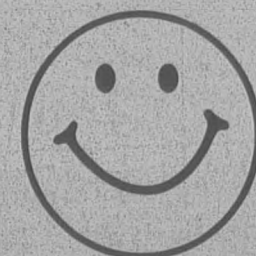
In September it was brought to the attention of the members that there had been a budget cut in funding to the museums in Alabama, which includes the First White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery. The chapter members desired to have a part in preserving the history of our state. The project "Pennies for Preservation" was initiated and at each meeting during the year, chapter members donated pennies or whatever monies they wished to give to this project. On June 30, two members of the chapter, Donna Clark and Shirley Edberg, toured the house and met with hostess and lecturer, Eva Newman to donate a check to the museum for \$120.

While in Montgomery, the ladies delivered 157 books to the VA Hospital. Collecting books for the House of Ruth, the domestic abuse center that serves this area. The chapter collected a large shopping bag of these individual size products to donate for the use of those who seek refuge at the center.

Welcoming new members is an on-going project. The

United Daughters of the Confederacy membership is open to women 16 years of age and older who are blood descendants, lineal or collateral, of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, or gave Material Aid to the cause. Anyone seeking further information about the UDC may call Donna Clark at 897-2042.

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Elba survives Hurricane Dennis without major problems

by Linda Hodge, Editor

City of Elba officials feared the worst of Hurricane Dennis when they left work Friday afternoon, July 8, but hopes and prayers were answered Sunday afternoon, July 11, when the city was spared of any major damage from Dennis as it came ashore.

"The damage was very minimal," Elba Mayor James Grimes said. "We were very fortunate to not have more damage."

Grimes said the city had prepared for the worst but hoped for the best, and those hopes came true.

The mayor did say city officials chose to go ahead and turn off electricity Sunday afternoon around 1:30 p.m. after a tree fell on a line causing power outages.

Grimes said the biggest reason for shutting down the power was for the safety of the citizens. He said a downed power line with electricity is a very dangerous situation, and city officials did not want to take any chances with someone getting injured or worse.

Grimes said another reason for turning off electricity was to save the overall system in case of trees falling on the lines or other problems occurring.

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Coffee County Commission "thankful" following Hurricane Dennis

by Linda Hodge, Editor

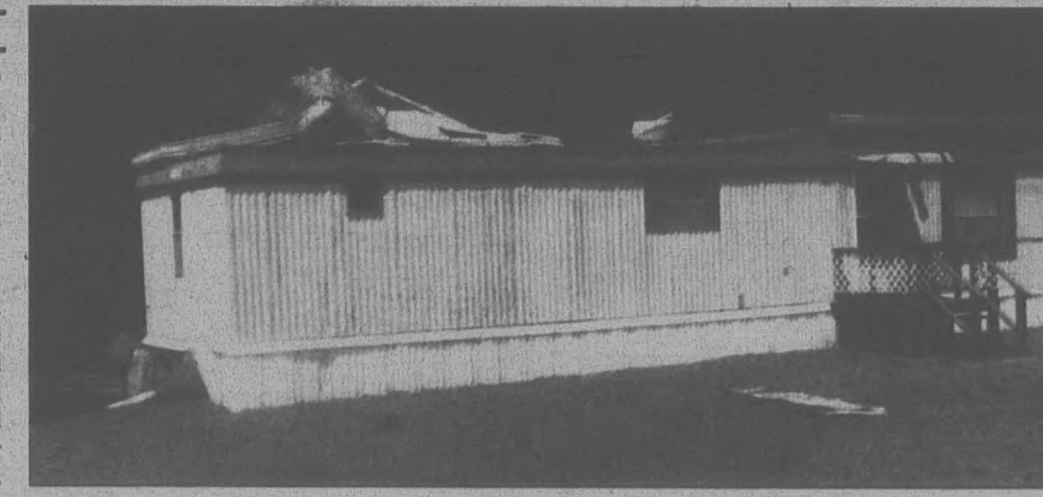
If one were to use one word to describe the attitude of Coffee County Commissioners Monday, July 11, during the group's regular monthly meeting that word most likely would be "thankful."

Commissioners were thankful the county, for the most part, was spared of major damage from Hurricane Dennis, and commissioners were thankful for the county employees and volunteers that worked together to keep conditions as safe as possible for the county and its residents.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, updated commissioners regarding the hurricane which affected the area for much of the day Sunday, July 10.

Tallas said he continues to be impressed by the way the people of Coffee County always seem to band together during a trying time. He said the old saying, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," is a very good description of the people of Coffee County.

"What charges my battery



A quick glance through the county found very little structure damage associated with Hurricane Dennis. This mobile home, located on Highway 189 north of Elba, was among the few left with damage.

every day is the first responders and the people of Coffee County," he said.

Tallas said all Coffee County roads were officially closed at approximately 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon due to the weather conditions; however, he said county employees began surveying the roads for debris and damage as soon as the worst weather passed by the county, and the roads were reopened at approximately 9 p.m. Sunday night.

While the county EMA office and highway

department were mentioned and thanked several times for the job they did during the storm, commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said the county's maintenance department and sheriff's department also was working. He said the commission appreciates all county employees.

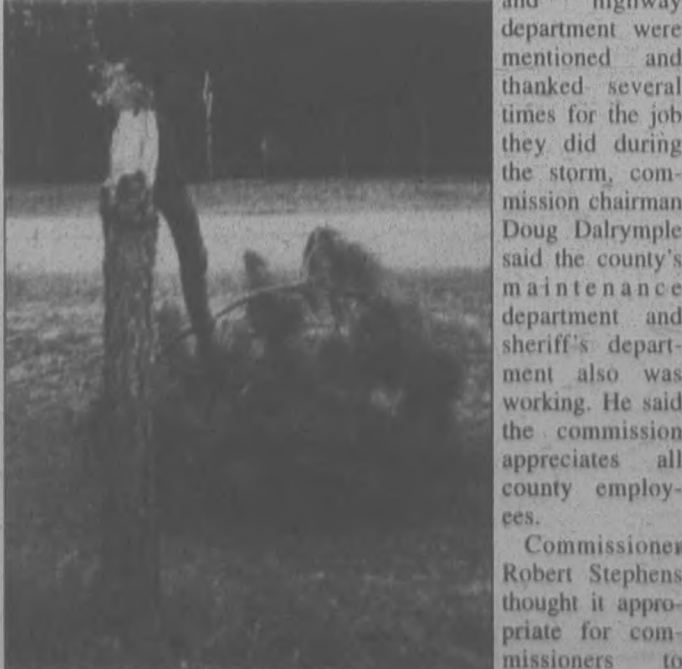
Commissioner Robert Stephens thought it appropriate for commissioners to pass a resolution offering the commission's vote of confidence and faith towards

everyone that was involved in getting Coffee County through the storm and potentially dangerous event. His motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Upon the recommendation of county administrator Wilson Mobley, commissioners also voted to adopt a resolution declaring a state of emergency for Coffee County due to Hurricane Dennis. The motion was put in place just in case the federal government deems damage within the county severe enough to be declared a disaster area.

Charles Lott, chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority, addressed commissioners to give an update regarding the water authority.

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Coffee County officials found many, many less downed trees following Hurricane Dennis last weekend compared to 10 months ago when Hurricane Ivan left a very noticeable destruction path.

County BOE accepts gym floor bids for Zion Chapel and Kinston

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The threat of Hurricane Dennis certainly impacted the thoughts of Coffee County Board of Education members last Thursday, July 7, when the board held its regular monthly meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said hopefully the roofs were secure at the county schools, but ongoing projects intensified concern.

A re-roofing project has been underway at Zion Chapel Schools recently. The roofs were damaged from last year's Hurricane Ivan and a hail storm earlier this year. Ingram said the work crew was on the next to last building in the re-roofing project as of Thursday of last

Efforts to find buyer for Dorsey Trailer plant are continuing

Efforts to find a buyer for the now closed Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba were given new life this week by the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Montgomery.

At noon Tuesday the court agreed with a request by Dorsey management and the secured creditors committee to extend the deadline for finding a buyer.

Bids were opened last week in a process expected to attract a group of interested potential buyers. Reportedly only one bidder bid on the entire package and that offer was rejected as being too low.

Pitts Trailers entered a bid of less than two million dollars for the plant, inventory and other related assets. The company has

since increased that bid to about \$2.250,000.

Dorsey representatives said Tuesday afternoon from offices in California that they are working with potential buyers and are optimistic that an acceptable offer will be received by the August 16 deadline the bankruptcy judge has set.

At that time, if no buyer is approved, the court could order an open auction to sell the facility a piece at a time.

If Pitts Trailers is the ultimate high bidder for the property, people close to the matter expect the company to move swiftly to get the facility back in operation, building their line of over-the-road trailers.

During Elba City Council meeting Police chief presents initial plans for Neighborhood Crime Watch program

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members signed in relief Monday night as Mayor James Grimes reported to them that Elba had escaped Hurricane Dennis with very little damage and no reported personal injuries to local citizens.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham expressed appreciation to the people of Elba for their patience with trash pick up, as a result of the storm. He also praised the efforts of employees, during and following the storm.

"They did a great job," Grantham added.

He also reported that the Red Cross shelter, opened at the elementary school, worked very well last weekend.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey explained to the council the initial plans for Neighbor Crime Watch groups citywide. He said a meeting will be held Tuesday, July 26, and urged all members to be present and support this project.

Grimes reviewed the financial statement and noted income was higher than budgeted for the eight month period, but some expenses were also up. He singled out fuel costs and interest on borrowed money.

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County BOE accepts gym floor bids for Zion Chapel and Kinston week.

On a positive note, she said the shingles being placed on the roofs are 35-year shingles and hopefully would survive any bad weather Hurricane Dennis might send to Coffee County.

A renovation project at New Brockton High School also currently is underway, and board members hoped the storm would not create problems at that building.

During the meeting, board members approved bids for gym floors at Zion Chapel and Kinston Schools.

Covington Floors received the bids at \$72,234 to replace the gym floor at Zion Chapel and \$18,880 to sand and refinish the gym floor at Kinston. The gym floor at Zion Chapel was severely damaged during the hail storm earlier this year.

Board members approved a request from the superintendent to allow the school system to apply for federal funding. This request includes funds such as Title I, Title II, Title IV, Carl Perkins, funds for extended day programs, etc.

In the same request, board members also passed a resolution supporting an application for funds for a New Brockton Community Learning Center. Ingram said the learning center conducted last year at Zion Chapel School proved to be very successful, and she links a program at New Brockton

were approved for payment. This included several one time payments, including paying off a \$73,572.86 loan with Troy Bank & Trust.

A council member asked about the speed limit on Smith Avenue, noting it had not changed since the bridge was removed. He added that citizens on the dead end street felt the limits should be lowered. The mayor said the police chief and city attorney would look into this matter.

Grimes reported that a 2001 contractor apparently didn't give proper compaction to dirt after cutting across Winston Avenue, Brunson Circle and Stroud Avenue. Repairs will cost an estimated \$20,500, but if not done the streets will be lost and repairs will cost a lot more. The council approved the repairs.

A similar problem on Adkinson Street is caused by a storm drain which needs replacing, according to Mayor Grimes. He said that city crews can do this work.

The mayor informed council members that at the next council meeting they would see the numbers needed to make adjustments to the annual budget. He said fuel cost increases and some other increased costs force the need for this adjustment.

would be beneficial to the students, parents and community.

Several personnel matters were approved by board members upon the recommendation of Ingram. They included:

- Accept the resignation of Lisa C. Duebelt, English teacher at Kinston School;
- Employ Karen Thornton as an English teacher at Kinston School;
- Employ Rachel Goad as a math teacher at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Paul Marsh as head basketball coach at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Paul Marsh as physical education teacher at New Brockton High School;
- Accept the resignation of Joni Smith as fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Cheryl Grissett as a fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Accept the resignation of Donna Caldwell Baker as special education teacher at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Amber Wilson Camley as special education teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th at Zion Chapel School.

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- Employ Danny Barreto as band director at New Brockton High School;
- Employ Virginia McLeod as nurse at Zion Chapel School.